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Bristol Bay in the News May 31, 2011

A major cautionary tale emerged from Yellowknife, B.C., this week when a gold mine's toxic tailings pond flooded over an ice dam, spilling into local rivers and streams. All this happened just as Arctic Grayling are returning to spawn. Even worse, the federal government, which has been saddled with the cleanup and monitoring since the last mine owner walked away in 2004, won't reveal what its water testing shows. A \$400 million plus cleanup plan is being paid for by taxpayers.

In an editor's note to hunters and anglers, Alaska Sporting Journal says, "to hell with the Pebble Mine!"

And a letter to the editor in a New Hampshire newspaper eloquently puts it, "I believe the chance of a leak from the impoundments is too a great a risk for the environment of Alaska. Short-term gain does not warrant long-term destruction of the Bristol Bay watershed, which year after year provides a healthy living to people and animals alike."

In the meantime, the Alaska legislature has shifted \$750,000 from a third-party study of the proposed Pebble Mine to one on the "statutory and permitting requirements and processes related to large mine development in the state."

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

Officials mum on Giant Mine tailings pond flood

CBC News

Federal officials are refusing to talk about the recent flooding of a tailings pond at the defunct Giant Mine near Yellowknife, raising concerns about mining waste potentially contaminating a nearby creek and lake. The tailings area, which holds toxic byproducts from decades of gold mining, was flooded on May 14... Click here to read more

Editor's Note Alaska Sporting Journal View pdf here

Mining funds both sides of Alaska's resource debate

Andrew Jensen

Alaska Journal of Commerce

While Pebble mine opponents point to "foreign" mining companies as the source of funding for Nuna Resources, its president Abe Williams counters that funding for organizations such as Nunamta Aulukestai also come from Outside. Some of the largest donations to the Alaska Conservation Foundation... Click here to read more

Nuna vs. Nunamta in Southwest Showdown

Andrew Jensen

Alaska Journal of Commerce

A nonprofit organization formed by several Alaska Native village corporation executives to counter the opponents of Pebble mine is raising its profile and drawing the fire that comes with it... Click here to read more

Legislature kills Pebble study, will examine permit system

Andrew Jensen

Alaska Journal of Commerce and Homer News

A state-funded third party study of the potential impacts of the proposed Pebble mine has been shelved. A \$750,000 appropriation near the end of the 2010 legislative session inserted into the capital budget directed the Legislative Council... Click here to read more

Letter to Editor: Pebble Mine too dangerous to develop

Susan Manning, Amesbury

Newbury Port News

To the editor:

Bristol Bay in Alaska is home to the world's largest wild salmon fishery. This fishery is being threatened by a proposal to build an open pit gold and copper mine... Click here to read more

Fish Tales: A Q&A with the co-curator of a project celebrating 125 years of Bristol Bay's fishing industry Anchorage Press

In this interview, Troll, who is also Nature Conservancy Program Director for Bristol Bay, a talented artist and self-described "information hound," discusses how the collection came together, the importance of the commercial salmon fishery industry in shaping our state, and how lessons learned many years ago about the conservation of Alaska's richest fishing grounds still ring true... Click here to read the interview

Coast Guard suspends search for overboard fisherman

Associated Press

Anchorage Daily News

The Coast Guard has suspended its search for a 55-year-old man who fell overboard from a commercial fishing vessel. The agency says the Japanese man fell from the 226-foot fishing vessel Alaska Victory... Click here to read more

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